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"DOCTOR WHO" - 'THE CAVES OF ANDROZANI' - PART FOUR

CAST:

THE DOCTOR
PERI
CHELLAK
SALATEEN
SHARAZ JEK
MORGUS
TIMMIN
STOTZ
KRELPER
SOLDIER

NS EXTRAS

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SETS:

Workshop.
Conglomerate HQ.
Control Room. (Spaceship)
Three Caves.
Tardis.

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TELECINE:

Ext. Sand Dunes.

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SUPOSE CAM

Opening Titles:

REPRISE THEN:

1. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

(THE SHIP HITS THE GROUND. THE JARRING IMPACT PITCHES THE DOCTOR ACROSS THE CONTROL ROOM.

STOTZ IS FLUNG BACK FROM THE DOOR.

THE DOCTOR PICKS HIMSELF UP AND RUNS OUT THROUGH THE STERN OF THE VESSEL.

STOTZ IS BACK AT THE DOOR. HE REACHES IN, CLAWING FOR THE LOCKING SWITCH.

HE REACHES IT AND THE DOOR SLIDES OPEN, THE GUN-RUNNERS POUR IN)

STOTZ: Get after him!

(THE GANG CHASE IN PURSUIT OF THE DOCTOR.

STOTZ PICKS UP A SECTION OF TWISTED HANDCUFF AND LOOKS AT IT, THEN FLINGS IT ANGRILY ACROSS THE ROOM)

TELECINE 1:

Ext. Sand Dunes. Day.

HIGH ANGLE LONG SHOT of THE DOCTOR running desperately across the dunes.

KRELPER and the other GUN-RUNNER are charging along perhaps a hundred yards behind.

2. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

(MORGUS COMES THROUGH ON THE VIDEO)

MORGUS: Stotz! Why have you disobyed my orders?

STOTZ: I'm sorry, sir. We -

MORGUS: I told you to stay in orbit.

STOTZ: The Doctor tricked us, sir. Somehow he got control of the ship -

MORGUS: I don't want excuses. I am on my way to join you. Put out a homing beacon.

STOTZ: You're coming here, sir?

MORGUS: Yes. My future plans may be drastically changed. I am in hyper-drive so expect me shortly.

(THE SCREEN GOES DEAD.

STOTZ BITES A KNUCKLE)

STOTZ: Something's wrong ...

3. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(SALATEEN LEADING
THE ADVANCE.

AN ANDROID STEPS
OUT IN FRONT OF
THEM.

THE SOLDIERS DIVE
FOR COVER)

SALATEEN: Keep moving. Come on. It won't fire at the belt-plate.

(HIS LAST WORDS.
THE ANDROID SWIVELS
AND GUNS HIM DOWN.

SALATEEN GURGLES
AND FALLS.

THE ANDROID IS
FIRING NOW AT OTHER
SOLDIERS.

A FIERCE FIRE-FIGHT
DEVELOPS. TWO
SOLDIERS ARE KILLED
BEFORE THE ARMY'S
SUPERIOR FIREPOWER
TAKES EFFECT AND THE
ANDROID IS IMMOBILISED
BY SEVERAL HITS)

CHELLAK: Forward!

TELECINE 2:

Ext. Dunes. Day.

THE DOCTOR is desperately tired. The GUN-RUNNERS as he looks back, have gained ground.

He forces his aching muscles on in a final effort. Reaches the top of yet another dune, trips, falls, and rolls over and over down its steep slope to lie breathless at the bottom.

Looking back, he sees KRELPER at the top of the dune, silhouetted against the sky. His head sinks exhaustedly back into the sand and his eyes shut.

THE DOCTOR: Sorry, Peri ... Can't make -

And then there is an ear-shattering crack, followed by a rumble, and followed again by a sound like a million whistling kettles.

ANOTHER ANGLE.

KRELPER: Mud burst! Get back to the ship!

Forgetting the DOCTOR, he leads a panic-stricken race for safety.

THE DOCTOR sits up. The whistling noise is fading but there are other distant, ominous rumbles.

The mouth of a cave looms some fifty yards away.

He drags himself to his feet and staggers towards it.

THE DOCTOR: Not ... enough time!

4. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(A SECOND ANDROID
IS DESTROYED UNDER
WITHERING FIRE.

THE SOLDIERS ADVANCE,
CHELLAK IN THE
VAN.

HE DIVES FOR COVER
AS TWO MORE ANDROIDS
OPEN FIRE UP AHEAD)

SOLDIER: These belt-plates aren't working, sir.

(CHELLAK FIRES A
BURST AT THE
NEARER ANDROID.

CHANGES HIS MAGAZINE)

CHELLAK: We don't need them. Jek only has a dozen or so androids. He can't stop us now.

(HE OPERATES HIS
PERSONAL R/T)

This is Flag Carrier to Red Force. Do you receive me? Over.

(THE RADIO
CRACKLES EMPTILY)

Flag Carrier to Red Force. Report you position. Over. (cont ...)

(NO ANSWER)

CHELLAK: (cont) Our support group must have hit trouble.

(THE GROUND ROCKS AND THERE IS ANOTHER SUBTERRANEAN RUMBLE)

SOLDIER: There's a mud burst coming, sir.

(CHELLAK NODS GRIMLY)

CHELLAK: We've no time to go back. Our one chance is to take Jek's headquarter and get in behind his mud barriers.

(THE TWO ANDROIDS HOLDING UP THE ADVANCE ARE FINALLY SHOT DOWN.

THE GENERAL BLOWS A BLAST ON HIS WHISTLE)

Follow me.

5. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(SHARAZ JEK
WATCHES HIS COMPUTERISED
OPERATIONS GRAPH.

FROM TIME TO TIME
A WINKING LIGHT
GOES OUT)

JEK: Chellak has too many troops. The androids are being over-run ...

(A RUMBLE)

PERI: What was that?

JEK: The start of a mud burst. You'll be safe in here.

PERI: I thought the General was bringing up artillery.

JEK: (INTO SPEAKER) Numbers four, ten and eleven. Fall back to final defence posts.

(HE TURNS TENSELY
BACK TO WATCH THE
CONFLICT.

TWO MORE OF HIS
LITTLE LIGHTS
WINK OUT)

Four ... Number four ...
(cont ...)

(JEKS' HOODED
HEAD SINKS IN
RESIGNATION.

HE RISES AFTER
A MOMENT)

JEK: (cont) I must see if any of my androids can be repaired. We need to hold Chellak back just a little longer. The mud burst will sweep him away ...

6. INT. ARMOURY. DAY.

(JEK COMES IN.

HE TAKES A WEAPON
FROM THE WALL,
CHECKS ITS
FUNCTION, THEN
LEAVES)

7. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR HAS
REACHED THE CAVE
SYSTEM.

HE STOPS FOR A BADLY
NEEDED BREATHER.

THE EFFECTS OF A
SPECTROX TOXAEMIA
NOW BEGINNING TO SHOW
IN HIS MOVEMENTS.

AS HE LEANS ON A
ROCK, GULPING IN
AIR, HE IS REMINDED)

THE DOCTOR: Oxygen ... No time ... Must find Peri!

(A RATTLE OF
DISTANT GUNFIRE
ROUSES HIM.

HE LURCHES ON)

8. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(SHARAZ JEK EXAMINES ONE OF HIS SHOT-UP ANDROIDS.

A THUNDEROUS CRACK FROM THE BOWELS OF THE PLANET DISLODGES SOME ROCK FROM THE ROOF OF THE CAVE.

JEK DUCKS UNDER AN OVERHANG.

AS THE SMALL AVALANCHE CEASES, CHELLAK APPEARS AT THE OTHER END OF THE OVERHANG.

FOR A MOMENT THE TWO STARE AT EACH OTHER IN SHOCK.

THEN CHELLAK MAKES A SMALL MOVEMENT WITH HIS GUN)

CHELLAK: All right, Jek, The war's over. Are you going to surrender?

JEK: Never!

(HE LETS OFF A SHORT BURST OF AUTOMATIC FIRE WHICH RIPS SPLINTERS FROM THE ROCK FACE ABOVE CHELLAK'S HEAD. THEN HE DODGES AWAY AROUND THE OVERHANG.

CHELLAK FIRES ONCE AND THEN GIVES CHASE)

9. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

(STOTZ POURS
SOMETHING FROM A
FLASK AND TAKES
IT TO MORGUS.

THE OTHER TWO
GUN-RUNNERS STARE
AT MORGUS WITH INTEREST)

MORGUS: A mud burst?

STOTZ: Any moment now. Generally there's a little one - kind of a burp - and then the biggy about an hour later. But I wouldn't want to get in the way of even the little one.

MORGUS: (TO KRELPER) Why are you staring at me?

KRELPER: Well ... sorry. Sir.

MORGUS: Perhaps you think you recognise me?

KRELPER: No, sir.

STOTZ: Even if he does, Krelper won't say nothing.

MORGUS: It wouldn't be wise. Stotz, I want to talk to you alone.

STOTZ: Sure. Boys ...

(STOTZ WAVES
THE BOYS AWAY.

THEY FILE OUT
THROUGH THE
DOOR)

MORGUS: I suppose you're wondering why I'm here, Stotz.

STOTZ: You're the boss.

MORGUS: Yes. Well, there's a possibility - putting it no stronger than that - that my part in all this has been discovered.

STOTZ: You mean gun-running and ...?

MORGUS: Exactly. My conscience is clear. I had to keep the supply of spectrox flowing and if I hadn't provided Jek with arms he'd have found some other source. Nonetheless, the Oraesidium would consider my actions treasonable.

STOTZ: Yeah - well - I guess they'd execute all of us if they caught us.

MORGUS: Quite. Anyway, I have a contingency plans.

STOTZ: A what plan.

MORGUS: An alternative. It is possible that my involvement was suspected only by the President which is why he sent the Doctor here. But the President is dead. If he shared his suspicions with anyone else I shall know within a few hours. And in that case I shall not be able to return to Androzani Major.

STOTZ: Where will you go, sir?

MORGUS: I have a considerable private fortune invested in other planets in the Sirius system. But when I leave here, Stotz, I want to take with me Jek's private hoard of spectrox. That is the key to unlimited power.

STOTZ: Jek ain't going to give that up, sir.

MORGUS: But you know where it is.

STOTZ: Sort of. Well, it's got to be close to Cave 26 on Yellow Level.

MORGUS: Stotz, before I left Major was informed that the army intend to attack Jek's headquarters in strength tonight. While he is fighting the army I think we have a good chance to reach that spectrox. What d'you think?

STOTZ: Maybe. Yellow level ain't deep. But ... what about these mud bursts?

MORGUS: If we go into the caves rig after the first one we should be able to make it back here before the major explosion. Providing we don't waste time locating that spectrox store.

STOTZ: Yeah. Trouble is we don't rightly know where Jek's got the stuff.

(MORGUS WANDERS
TO THE DOOR,
PEERS OUT)

MORGUS: I'm relying on you, Stotz. Those others ...

STOTZ: They'll want their cut.

MORGUS: If they can carry fifty kilos each that's a hundred to divide between us.

STOTZ: You mean - us?

MORGUS: My ship wouldn't carry four of us to the other planets, anyway.

10. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(CHELLAK PURSUING
JEK AND PERI.

HE LOSES THE TRAIL
IN THE DARKNESS BUT
THEN HEARS THE
ECHOING CLANG
OF AN IRON DOOR.

HE BOUNDS OFF)

11. INT. ARMOURY. DAY.

(ANOTHER THUNDEROUS RUMBLE AND AGAIN THE MULTIDECIBAL WHISTLING KETTLE NOISE.

JEK LOWERS PERI TO THE GROUND AND OPENS THE DOOR TO HIS WORKSHOP.

CHELLAK COMES IN AND BLASTS OFF A SHOT WHICH MISSES JEK.

HE DUCKS AND RETURNS FIRE.

CHELLAK IS STRUCK IN THE LAEG AND FALLS.

JEK CASTS ASIDE HIS GUN AND DRAGS PERI UP.

HE STARTS BUNDLING HER THROUGH THE DOOR)

JEK: The mud!

(IT ROAR IS GETTING LOUDER, NEARER.

CHELLAK STAGGERS UP AND LAUNCHES HIMSELF IN A RUGBY TACKE TO CATCH JEK ROUND THE WAIST.

THEY FALL TO THE GROUND IN A THRESHING HEAP IN THE DOORWAY BETWEEN THE ARMOURY AND THE WORKSHOP.

THEY BREAK APART AND STAGGER UP AGAIN, JEK FRACTIONALLY QUICKER.

HE FORCES CHELLAK BACK AGAINST THE DOOR, STRANGLING HIM.

CHELLAK KNEES HIM AWAY AND LUNGES FORWARD.

HIS OUTSTRETCHED HANDS RIP THE HOOD OF JEK'S FACE.

WE SEE A HAIRLESS SKULL DEVOID OF MOST FACIAL FLESH UNTIL BELOW THE NOSE.

FROM THERE IT FALLS AWAY INTO THE NECK LIKE MOULDERING GREEN CHEESE.

CHELLAK IS MOMENTARILY PARALYSED BY THE HORRIFIC VISION.

JEK GIVES A TORMENTED HOWL AND SLAMS HIS ADVERSARY BACK ACROSS THE ARMOURY.

CHELLAK FALLS AND, BEFORE HE CAN REGAIN HIS FEET, A BOILING BLACK GUNGE RUSHES INTO THE ROOM.

JEK THROWS THE WORKSHOP DOOR SHUT.

CHELLAK SCREAMS AS THE SCALDING MUD ENGULFS HIM)

12. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(JEK LEANS PANTING
AGAINST THE DOOR)

JEK: You will be safe here.
Nothing can hurt you now.

(PERI STARES UP
AT HIM IN HORROR.

JEK BECOMES AWARE
OF HER REGARD.

HE TOUCHES HIS FACE.

THEN GIVES A CRY
AND TURNS TO HIDE
IT AGAINST THE DOOR.

HIS HOOD IS LYING
ON THE FLOOR.

JEK KNEELS AND
PUTS IT ON.

PERI WATCHES AND
HER EXPRESSION
OF CONGEALED HORROR
CHANGES TO ONE OF
UNDERSTANDING)

13. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR HEARS THE ROAR OF THE APPROACHING WALL OF MUD.

HE LOOKS ROUND DESPERATELY.

THERE IS A CREVICE IN THE SIDE OF THE CAVE JUST ABOVE HIM.

SCRABBLING FRANTICALLY, HE PULLS HIMSELF UP INTO THE CREVICE AND PRESSES BACK INTO IT DEPTHS AS THE BOILING MUD THUNDERS THROUGH THE CAVE BENEATH HIM)

14. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

(STOTZ AND HIS CREW ARE WATCHING EVENTS FROM A PORT-HOLE.

MORGUS IS TAPPING OUT A CALL ON THE SHIP'S VIDEO.

STOTZ GIVES A WHISTLE)

STOTZ: Look at that!

KRELPER: If that's a little burst what's a big one like?

STOTZ: You want to see this, sir.

MORGUS: I have no interest in natural phenomena.

15. INT. CONGLOMERATE HEADQUARTERS. DAY.

(THE LIGHT WINKS
ON THE DESK.

TIMMIN LEANS
FORWARD AND RAISES
THE CONCEALED
VIDEO PANEL.

SHE PRESSES A
BUTTON AND MORGUS
APPEARS ON THE
SCREEN)

MORGUS: Krau Timmin, I want to know - (HE STARES) Are you in my office?

TIMMIN: Yes, this call is on the secret line. I am endeavouring to maintain your traditions.

16. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

MORGUS: Krau Timmin, I don't like your tone.

TIMMIN: I wish that was all I didn't like about you.

MORGUS: How dare you speak to me like that! I'll have you punished for your insolence.

17. INT. CONGLOMERATE HEADQUARTERS. DAY.

TIMMIN: I don't think so, Morgus. You're finished.

MORGUS: What d'you mean?

TIMMIN: Washed up, Morgus. Kaput. The Praesidium has issued warrants for your arrest on seventeen counts ranging from the murder of the President to treason, Grand Fraud, embezzlement - oh, and that little business at the Northcawl copper mine. They know about that.

18. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

MORGUS: Falsehoods and fabrications! Trumped-up charges! Malicious libels! They can't possibly have any evidence.

TIMMIN: It's fully documented. They have an excellent witness.

MORGUS: Impossible! Who is this foul slanderer?

TIMMIN: Me.

(MORGUS STARES)

19. INT. CONGLOMERATE HEADQUARTERS. DAY.

TIMMIN: Does that surprise you, Morgus? Do you think I didn't know what was going on here?

MORGUS: You betrayed me - after all these years?

TIMMIN: Think of it this way, Morgus - I've deposed you. I am now Chairman and Chief Director of the Sirius Conglomerate. Oh, incidentally, the Government have also sequestered all your private assets ... including those secret funds you had salted away on the outer planets. Goodbye, Morgus.

(TIMMIN SWITCHES OFF.

SHE LEANS BACK, PUTTING HER LONG LEGS ON THE DESK AND SMILINGLY CONTEMPLATES HER BEAUTIFULLY POLISHED FINGERNAILS)

20. INT. CONTROL ROOM. DAY.

(MORGUS SITS WITH HIS HEAD IN HIS HANDS.

AFTER A WHILE HE STRAIGHTENS)

MORGUS: They've not beaten me yet. There is still the spectrox.

STOTZ: Only Sharaz Jek's sitting on that.

MORGUS: There are six of us. We can handle Jek. Get your guns and let's go.

(MORGUS PICKS UP HIS OWN GUN.

NOBODY ELSE MOVES)

Didn't you hear me? I said let's go.

KRELPER: We're not going anywhere - !cept maybe back to Major.

MORGUS: I've paid you well to make these trips. Now you do as I say!

KRELPER: The way me and the boys see it, we've already got two kilos. That's enough for us.

MORGUS: Two kilos! Jek has tons of it stored away.

KRELPER: Yeah, well we ain't getting our heads shot off by Jek's dummies, or being boiled in mud, or nothing else - not for twenty tons, we ain't.

(MORGUS STARES AT THEM IN FRUSTRATION)

MORGUS: You cowardly, miserable curs! What about you, Stotz? Are you staying with these gutter-trash?

(STOTZ HESITATES, THEN PICKS UP HIS GUN)

STOTZ: I'll go with you. Gotta few old scores to settle with Sharaz Jek ...

21. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR IS MOVING ON.

THE CAVE SYSTEMS ARE COATED WITH A RESIDUE OF SLIMY BLACK MUD.

THE DOCTOR SPLASHES THROUGH AN OCCASIONAL DEEPER PUDDLE.

THE CONDITIONS MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP HIS BALANCE.

AT ONE POINT HE FALLS AND ROLLS.

AS HE PICKS HIM-SELF UP HE SEES AN ANDROID, GUN POINTING, STANDING ALMOST ABOVE HIM.

THE DOCTOR FREEZES.

AFTER A BLOOD-CURDLING SECOND HE REALISES THE ANDROID IS BURNED OUT.

HE GIVES IT A LIGHT PUSH AND IT COLLAPSES BACKWARDS.

THE DOCTOR STEPS ROUND IT AND GOES ON)

22. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(PERI IS LYING LISTLESSLY ON A COUCH.

THE DOOR OPENS AND JEK ENTERS CARRYING THE STIFF FIGURE OF AN ANDROID)

JEK: There's nobody left. Chellak's army - pitiful fools - swept to their deaths. My androids are intact but no longer functioning.

(HE STANDS THE ANDROID AGAINST THE BENCH AND COMES ACROSS TO HER)

You and I are the only survivors, Peri. Just the two of us alone ... Please don't be frightened.

PERI: Water ...

JEK: You want some water?

(HE GOES TO FETCH HER SOME)

I can repair the androids. Their synaptic links have burned out. Within a week I promise you everything will be back to normal. They won't send another army. They daren't. I'll re-open the refinery and begin trading again. (cont ...)

(HE TAKES HER THE
WATER.

HOLDS IT TO HER
LIPS)

JEK: (cont) For you, I will even settle my differences with Morgus. You can have everything your heart desires - furs, silks, jewels. Only stay with me, Peri, and I will make you a princess.

PERI: Sweet ice-water.

(SHE TAKES THE GLASS
AND POURS IT OVER
HERSELF)

JEK: I shall ask nothing in return. Just the sight of your beauty is reward enough for me.

PERI: Waiter, I'll just have a double peach melba and a chocolate soda.

JEK: Peri?

PERI: What's that tune?

JEK: Are you all right?

PERI: Tell them to stop. Please tell them to stop. I don't like it!

(JEK TOUCHES HER
FOREHEAD)

JEK: You're so hot. Your skin's burning ...

PERI: Why is it so dark, Doctor? I can't see anything.

(HER EYES ARE WIDE
OPEN, STARING.

JEK PASSES HIS
HAND CLOSE TO THEM.

NOT A FLICKER)

JEK: Spectrox toxaemia ...!

(PERI SHUDDERS
CONVULSIVELY AND
SINKS INTO COMA.

JEK POUNDS THE FLOOR
WITH HIS FIST AND
HOWLS HIS GRIEF)

No ... no! She cannot be taken from me!

(HE SHAKES HER)

Peri, you can't die! You can't die!

(PERI IS IN A DEATH
SLEEP.

JEK LURCHES TO
HIS FEET)

The queen bats! But I've no androids ... no-one to send!

(HE CROSSES TO
HIS BENCH, FLINGING
THE MOTIONLESS
ANDROID ASIDE, AND
CLICKS ON HIS
COMMAND SPEAKER)

This is Sharaz Jek. Are any units functioning? Any android units still functioning respond immediately!

(THE SPEAKER CRACKLES
STATIC.

JEK'S HOODED HEAD
SINKS TO THE BENCH
WITH GRIEF, HIS
BODY RACKED WITH
SOBS)

23. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(A DISTANT CAVE.

THE STIFF BODIES OF SOLDIERS BARELY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM ROCKS AS THEY LIE COATED IN THE BLACK SLIME.

THEN A SLIGHT MOVEMENT.

SALATEEN IS STANDING, BACK TO THE WALL.

HIS HEAD TURNS SLOWLY)

SALATEEN: I hear you, master.

(WITH SLOW UNSTEADY STEPS HE TURNS AND MOVES FROM THE CAVE)

24. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(MORGUS AND STOTZ
ENTER)

MORGUS: You lead, Stotz. You know the way.

STOTZ: Sure. But before we go any further, Morgus, let's get a coupla things straight.

MORGUS: What things?

STOTZ: An hour ago you were the boss. No that's all changed. You're the same as me now - just a man with a gun.

MORGUS: I the same as you? I am Morgus. I am descended from the first colonists!

STOTZ: And you're wanted for murder and treason. You're on the run, Morgus.

(MORGUS STARES
AT HIM.

A BEAT)

MORGUS: We're wasting time, Stotz.

STOTZ: You want me to help you, right? Well, if we get any spectrox out of this deal there's going to be none of that four shares for you, one for me stuff. We split it right down the middle. Okay?

MORGUS: Of course. Now lead the way.

(STOTZ TURNS AND WALKS ON.

MORGUS STARES AT HIS BACK, HIS FACE A MASK OF HATRED)

25. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(SHARAZ JEK IS KNEELING BESIDE THE COUCH STARING AT THE UNCONSCIOUS PERI.

THE DOOR, LEFT AJAR SINCE HE CARRIED IN THE ANDROID, IS PUSHED OPEN.

THE BEDRAGGLED, MUD -STAINED FIGURE OF THE DOCTOR ENTERS)

THE DOCTOR: Jek.

(JEK LOOKS ROUND BRIEFLY, THEN TURNS BACK TO PERI)

JEK: She is so beautiful. So very beautiful ...

THE DOCTOR: How is she?

(HE CROSSES TO THE COUCH.

LOOKS DOWN)

JEK: She is dying, Doctor. She has spectrox toxaemia.

THE DOCTOR: I know. (cont ...)

(QUICKLY HE CHECKS PULSE, EYES, THROAT.

OVER BUSINESS -)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Have you heard of the cure Professor Janij discovered?

JEK: The milk of the queen bat? Of course. But the dormant queens cannot be reached - there's little oxygen in those levels.

THE DOCTOR: It's her only chance, Jek. Do you know where the queens are?

JEK: Of course. When I came here my androids surveyed and mapped the whole system. If only one of my androids had survived I could have sent it down there and possibly saved her life ...

THE DOCTOR: I'm going down there. Show me the route.

(JEK TAKES HIM OVER TO HIS COMPUTER CHART)

JEK: Here. About two hundred metres down. But you'll collapse before you get there.

THE DOCTOR: I can store oxygen for several minutes. Jek, you must do everything you can to keep her temperature down until I get back.

JEK: Of course. Wait. (OPENS A DRAWER) Take this, Doctor. It might help.

THE DOCTOR: What is it?

JEK: An oxygen tube - my last. I used them when I went into the baking chambers of the refinery. (cont ...)

JEK: (cont) Unfortunately they run out in minutes.

THE DOCTOR: Thanks.

(HE GOES TOWARDS THE DOOR)

JEK: I thought Stotz had taken you back to Androzani Major?

THE DOCTOR: We had engine trouble. Now cover her with wet cloths and get a fan blowing.

(HE EXITS)

26. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(STOTZ AND MORGUS
ENTER)

STOTZ: This is Cave 26 Yellow Level. Where we met Jek.

MORGUS: Which way now?

STOTZ: (SHRUGS) From here it's guesswork. Jek came from that direction so let's try it.

(THEY GO DOWN THE
CAVE.

MORGUS STOPS WITH
AN INTAKE OF
BREATH.

AHEAD OF THEM IS
A SHOT-UP ANDROID
AND THE CORPSES
OF SEVERAL
SOLDIERS)

Look like the army got here first.

MORGUS: I've heard no firing.

STOTZ: Maybe the fighting's over. Reckon that mud burst got 'em.

27. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(JEK COVERS PERI
WITH DAMP CLOTHS.

HE GOES TO THE
END OF THE ROOM
AND SWITCHES ON
THE EXTRACTORS.

THEY HUM INTO
LIFE.

HE RETURNS TO
THE COUCH AND
SITS WATCHING
PERI.

HER BREATH IS
RATTLING.

JEK PUSHES A
STRAND OF DAMP
HAIR BACK FROM
HER EYES)

28. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR IS MAKING HEAVY WEATHER OF LIFE IN THE NETHER REGIONS.

AS HE TRUDGES ON HE KICKS SOMETHING.

IT IS THE BROKEN THEODOLITE DISCARDED IN EPISODE ONE.

THE DOCTOR PICKS IT UP AND PRESSES ON, USING THE POINTED ENDS OF ITS TRIPOD FOR SUPPORT IN THE TRICKIER AREAS.

THE DOCTOR, TEETERING, CROSSES A NARROW ROCK LEDGE.

A FAINT RED GLOW COMES FROM THE BUBBLING MAGMA FAR BELOW.

REACHING THE FAR SIDE SAFELY, HE HAS TO STOP TO REVIVE HIMSELF WITH A BURST FROM THE OXYGEN TUBE.

SOME INSTINCT MAKES HIM TURN - IN TIME TO SEE THE GIANT BULK OF A MAGMA CREATURE SWOOPING ON HIM.

HE DODGES BACK.

THE HEAVY CREATURE BLUNDERS PAST BUT THEN QUICKLY TURNS AND REARS UP AGAIN ON ITS SHORT REAR LEGS.

THE HEAVY CREATURE SNARLS AND ADVANCES.

THE DOCTOR BACKS AWAY, FENDING AT IT DESPERATELY WITH THE TRIPOD LEGS AND THEN, FINALLY, FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED AGAINST A ROCKY OUTCROP THE CREATURE LUNGES DOWN AND THE DOCTOR, ALMOST INSTINCTIVELY, THRUSTS THE TRIPOD INTO ITS MOUTH, WEDGING THE HUGE JAWS OPEN.

THE CREATURE ROARS WITH FRUSTRATION AND CRASHES DOWN TOWARDS HIM.

THE DOCTOR HALF AVOIDS THE RUSH BUT IS SENT SPRAWLING BY A BLOW FROM A SCALY FORELEG.

HE ROLLS ACROSS THE FLOOR OF THE CAVE AND COMES TO A STOP ON THE VERY EDGE OF THE ABYSS.

AS HE STARTS TO GET UP THE CREATURE RUSHES AGAIN.

THE DOCTOR STEPS BACKWARDS INTO SPACE.

THE INFURIATED MAGMA CREATURE THUNDERS TOWARDS HIM AND SKIDS OVER THE EDGE OF THE CHASM, THEN PLUNGES DOWN INTO THE BUBBLING MAGMA FAR BELOW.

FOR A MOMENT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE DOCTOR, TOO, HAS GONE INTO THE ABYSS.

THEN WE FIND THE DOCTOR, HANGING BY HIS FINGERTIPS ON THE VERY EDGE OF DOOM.

WEARILY, HE DRAGS HIMSELF UP TO SAFETY.

HE MOVES ON DEEPER INTO THE CAVE.

AND THEN ABOVE HIM, HANGING FROM A ROCK CREVICE, HE SEES A QUEEN BAT.

IT IS ABOUT FIVE FEET FROM HEAD TO TOE, COVERED IN BLACK FUR, AND HANGS HEAD DOWN.

IT IS WRAPPED IN ITS SCALY WINGS AND ITS HEAD IS MORE THAT OF A LIZARD THAN A BAT.

THE DOCTOR CLIMBS UP BESIDE IT.

TOUCHES IT.

NO MOVEMENT.

EMBOLDENED, HE PULLS ONE OF THE WINGS ASIDE AND FEELS THE FURRY THORAX.

HE PRODUCES A SMALL BOTTLE FROM HIS POCKET AND UNCAPS IT.

AS THE DOCTOR GOES TO WORK, WE PAN DOWN FROM THIS BUCOLIC SCENE WITH ITS OVERTONES OF DIMPLED DAIRY MAIDS AND HAY-SCENTED COW BYRES, AND CLOSE ON THE BAT'S HEAD, SOMEWHERE BY THE DOCTOR'S KNEE.

A LIZARD EYE BLINKS OPEN, GLOWING GREEN, THEN SLOWLY CLOSES AGAIN)

29. INT. CAVE. DAY.

STOTZ: We've been down long enough, Morgus. We gotta get out before the next mud burst.

MORGUS: Listen! Hear that?

(A DISTANT HUM)

STOTZ: Sounds like a motor. Along here ...

30. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(THE EXTRACTORS HUMMING.

JEK CHANGES THE CLOTHS COVERING PERI.

HER EYELIDS FLUTTER AND SHE MOANS SOFTLY)

JEK: Peri, can you hear me? Are you awake?

(PERI MOANS.

HER EYES SHUT AGAIN.

JEK ANXIOUSLY TAKES HER PULSE)

31. INT. CAVE. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR MAKING
HIS WAY BACK ALONG
THE LEDGE OVER THE
BOILING MAGMA FAR
BELOW.

AHEAD OF HIM A
PRECIPITOUS CLIMB.

HE MUSTERS THE LAST
OF HIS FADING STRENGTH
AND TRIES TO BOOST
HIMSELF WITH ANOTHER
SHOT OF OXYGEN.

BUT THE TUBE HISSES
AND EXPIRES.

THE DOCTOR THROWS
IT AWAY.

HE STARTS TO CLIMB)

32. INT. WORKSHOP. DAY.

(SHARAZ JEK HEARS THE DOOR OPEN AND TURNS FROM THE COUCH)

JEK: Is that you, Doctor?

(HE LOOKS INTO THE GUNS OF STOTZ AND MORGUS)

You!

MORGUS: Yes, Jek. How many years is it - four?

(SHARAZ JEK GROWLS AND MOVES FORWARD)

STOTZ: That's close enough!

(JEK STOPS BUT REMAINS CROUCHED, READY TO SPRING)

JEK: Morgus ... At last!

MORGUS: You have one choice, Jek. Hand over the spectrox and we might let you live.

JEK: I'm going to kill you.

(HE MOVES FORWARD AGAIN.

THE SHEER MENACE
MAKES MORGUS AND
STOTZ STEP BACK)

STOTZ: He's crazy! I told you.

MORGUS: Don't take another step. I'm warning you, Jek.

JEK: Do you think bullets can stop me now after all I have suffered? Look at me, Morgus, you stinking offal!

(HE FLINGS OFF HIS
HOOD.

STOTZ WINCES.

JEK POUNCES ON
MORGUS.

MORGUS FIRES.
PERHAPS THE BULLET
MISSES. IT MAKES
NO DIFFERENCE,
ANYWAY.

MORGUS WRENCHES
AWAY, TRYING TO
BLUDGEON JEK WITH
THE GUN.

JEK, SNARLING LIKE
AN ANIMAL, GETS
HIS HANDS ROUND
MORGUS'S THROAT.
THE GUN FALLS TO
THE FLOOR. THEY
STAGGER AROUND THE
ROOM, LOCKED TOGETHER.

STOTZ, RECOVERING HIS
WITS, MOVES AFTER
THEM, TRYING TO GET
IN A SHOT AT JEK
WITHOUT HITTING MORGUS.
HE FIRES ONCE AND
HITS JEK. BUT NOW
JEK IS THROTTLING
MORGUS, BENDING HIM
BACK OVER THE BENCH,
STILL SNARLING OUT THE
YEARS OF PENT-UP
HATE.

STOTZ TAKES AIM AGAIN. WE HEAR THE SHOT AND SEE STOTZ FALL, A SURPRISED LOOK ON HIS FACE.

SALATEEN, GUN POINTED, ADVANCES FROM THE DOORWAY.

MORGUS IS FORCED DOWN INTO SOME OF JEK'S EQUIPMENT. IT BREAKS. THERE IS A FLASH AND A BANG. SMOKE. FLAMES. ELECTRIC POWER CRACKLING EVERYWHERE. SUDDENLY THE WHOLE WORKSHOP IS ON FIRE.

THE DOCTOR COMES THROUGH THE SMOKE. HE LOOKS DOWN AT PERI. STARTS TO HOIST HER UP.

MORGUS IS DEAD, LYING STIFFLY AMONG THE FLAMES.

JEK STAGGERS AWAY)

SALATEEN: Master.

JEK: Salateen ... Hold me, Salateen.

(HE FALLS.

SALATEEN CATCHES HIM, CRADLES HIM IN HIS ARMS.

JEK DIES.

SALATEEN GOES ON HOLDING HIM, OBEYING THE FINAL INSTRUCTION.

THE DOCTOR, PERI HOISTED ON HIS SHOULDER, LOOKS BACK FROM THE DOOR.

FLAMES ARE RUNNING
UP THE LEG OF
THE ANDROID.

IT REMAINS, STIFFLY
HOLDING ITS DEAD
MASTER.

THE DOCTOR EXITS)

TELECINE 3:

Ext. Dunes. Day.

THE DOCTOR, using the last of his immense willpower, bears PERI towards the tardis.

He lowers her to the ground and fumbles in his pocket for the key. As he pulls it out, by some fatal mischance, the bottle of bat fluid drops from his pocket.

Its cap comes loose and the liquid gurgles away into the sand.

THE DOCTOR gives a cry of horror and snatches for the bottle. He holds it upright. Half the contents have drained away.

THE DOCTOR looks utterly spent. He re-stoppers the bottle, opens the door of the tardis, and drags PERI in.

33. INT. TARDIS. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR DRAGS PERI IN AND PROPS HER AGAINST THE CONTROL CONSOLE. HE IS SICK UNTO DEATH. HIS BODY RACKED BY AN AGUE HE EXAMINES HER ANXIOUSLY.

WITH FEEBLE, SHAKING MOVEMENTS HE REMOVES THE BOTTLE FROM HIS POCKET AND UNCAPS IT. HE HOLDS IT UP, CHECKING THE AMOUNT LEFT)

THE DOCTOR: Peri! Peri, can you hear me? Open your mouth.

(PERI REMAINS SLUMPED AGAINST THE CONSOLE.

HE SHAKES HER)

Peri, you must drink this! (cont ...)

(HE TILTS HER HEAD BACK AND FORCES THE BOTTLE BETWEEN HER LIPS. TIPS IT UP.

PERI SWALLOWS INVOLUNTARILY.

THE DOCTOR SINKS BACK EXHAUSTED. HE IS STILL SHAKING IN EVERY LIMB. HIS BREATHING IS HARSH. HE CHECKS HIS OWN PULSE WITH DETACHED CURIOSITY)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Is this death?

(HIS EYES CLOSE.
HE SLIPS SIDEWAYS
AND LIES SUPINE.

PERI STIRS. SHE
RUBS HER FACE AND
LOOKS AROUND GROGGILY.
SHE SEES THE DOCTOR.
CRAWLS TO HIM)

PERI: Doctor! What's happened?

(THE DOCTOR'S EYES
OPEN. HE SMILES
FAINTLY)

THE DOCTOR: Ah, Peri ... I see Janij knew his stuff. Good old Janij ...

PERI: Janij? You got the bat milk?

THE DOCTOR: Contains an anti-vesicant, I imagine ... Interesting.

(PERI IS GETTING
STRONGER BY THE
SECOND. SHE
CRADLES HIS HEAD)

PERI: Doctor, where is it?

THE DOCTOR: What?

PERI: The bat milk.

THE DOCTOR: Finished. Only enough for you.

PERI: Oh, Doctor! There must be something I can do! Tell me.

THE DOCTOR: Too late ... Going soon. Time to say goodbye, Peri.

(PERI STARTS TO CRY)

PERI: Please, Doctor, don't give up! You can't leave me!

THE DOCTOR: Might regenerate. Don't know. Feels ... different this time.

(THE IMAGE BLURS AND WE SEE TEGAN)

TEGAN: What was it you always told me, Doctor? Brave heart ... You'll survive.

(THE IMAGE BLURS AND TURLOUGH BECOMES VISIBLE)

TURLOUGH: You must survive. Too many of your enemies would delight in your death.

(THE IMAGE BLURS AND BECOMES KAMELION)

KAMELION: Turlough speaks the truth ...

(THE IMAGE BLURS AND WE SEE ADRIC)

ADRIC: You know that, Doctor.

(THE IMAGE CLEARS AND WE SEE THE DOCTOR AND PERI.

THE DOCTOR SITS UPRIGHT)

THE DOCTOR: Adric!

PERI: Doctor?

(THE DOCTOR, ON THE VERGE OF PANIC)

THE DOCTOR: My past is catching up with me ... I must regenerate!

(HIS HEAD FALLS BACK AND HE SAGS INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS)

PERI: Doctor!

(SUDDENLY THE DOCTOR STARTS TO BLUR.

PERI IS HIGHLY DISTRESSED.

WHEN THE IMAGE SETTLES, WE SEE IT IS THE NEWLY REGENERATED FORM OF THE DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR STARES MANICALLY AROUND HIM)

(AMAZED) Doctor?

FADE OUT